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Editorial Comment

LEARNED TO RESPOND

During the war years the American public set new records of respon se to appeals for funds for community drives. Most localities far exceeded assigned quotas. And in many of the drives nice nest eggs of funds were built up for local use. Many organizations normally pressed for funds to carry out a real program, became adequately financed.

It appears that this record of respon se is being continued in the post-war drives. Appomattox County, post-war drives have received fine public support. It is presumed that these organizations will expand services and plan greater programs.

WHERE ARE THE TOURISTS?

Few Virginia towns are getting the post-war tourist business they had expected. It may be due to the fact that so many families are still driving "the old car" and will postpone tourist trips until they get delivery on that new model on order. People are driving more but maybe not on long trips with cars of pre-war model. Or, anyne, they head for the more famorous spots when they finally "take that trip."

The tourist business is a major item in historic Virginia. And old Appomattox with its famed Surrender Grounds, should have more visitors than have showed up yet.

We think that some state organization, such as the Virginia Chamber of Commerce, should make a study of post-war tourist habits and preferences and if it is true that Virginia is lagging in this very important trade, some program should be prepared to build up the desired tourist boom.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

DOWN TO CASES IN THE COUNTIES

(Reprinted from The Richmond News Leader)

The most depressing facts about Virginia are those which, from time to time in the publications of that devoted public servant, Dr. W. E. Garnett, the rural sociologist of the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station. For almost 20 years, Dr. Garnett has been pounding, pounding with figures concerning those Virginia rural homes that lack not only comforts but also the crudest of sanitary necessities. Dr. Garnett's disclosures have startled many persons and inspired some leaders to work for the improvement of rural houses. In the main, it has to be said that many Virginians have held back from attempting to relieve these conditions because the magnitude of the task discouraged them.

Dr. Garnett now has made a different approach. Doubtless at the instance of residents of the county, he and R. D. Michael have prepared a four-page folder on "Housing and Health of Halifax Folk." This begins with the statement that "Halifax County has much to be proud of—many fine people, many nice homes, much good and much wealth produced, tobacco crops of great value, good tobacco markets and other industries, good schools, a county health and medical care council."

Then the folder explains that "Halifax County has much human erosion and many human-erosion-producing conditions." Fifty-two counties are said to have had a lower death rate in 1945. Not less than 62 per cent of the children of Halifax had physical defects when examined in 1946. The county contains 2,377 houses with three rooms or less. These represent 36 per cent of the homes of the county—a larger percentage of such homes than are to be found in 92 Virginia counties. Forty-one per cent of the dwellings are said to be in need of major repairs; a fourth of them have unceiled interiors; 42 per cent are built of logs—and so for many statistics impressively arrayed.

As respects education, it is asserted that among 3,000 males only one in four of 25 years of age or more has gone beyond the fifth grade. A further assertion is: Eighty seven counties had a higher standard of living index in 1945 than Halifax, which is 26 points below the State average." Among the illustrations is one of an attractive modern frame residence and, opposite, the crowded doorway of what appears to be the small home of a father of many children. Above an arrow pointing to the good dwelling is a legend: "Only Halifax child is housed in houses like this" to 13 of the primitive ones.

It will be interesting to see how Halifax responds to this sort of maturity. Will the county be outraged, humiliated, prompted to enlarged effort to improve conditions? It is one thing, all of us agree, to deal in generalizations; it may be quite another to say to the prosperous element of a prosperous county, These conditions exist under your own noses—what are you going to do to further the state you already have made toward better housing and health?

TO THEIR ADVANTAGE?

(Washington Post)

There are always some short-sighted people whose motto is to charge all the traffic will bear,heedless of the ultimate effects of overreaching. But there is ground for hope that the current emphasis on the importance of price reduction as a protection against future depression will continue business managements that it is to their advantage to insure an expanding market for their products by lowering prices voluntarily instead of letting business depression force reductions upon them. The country simply cannot afford to let readjustments be made along that painful route.

CARRIER FLEET COMMANDS

(Army and Navy Bulletin)

In testimony given by Fleet Admiral Nimitz to the House Appropriations Committee, the Chief of Naval Operations outlined the two United States fleets for the next year as follows:

Atlantic: 6 aircraft carriers; 6 escort carriers; 1 battleship and miscellaneous ancilliary craft.

Pacific: 6 aircraft carriers; 4 escort carriers; 1 battleship and miscellaneous ancilliary craft.

Each fleet would have a total of 64 destroyers and 39 submarines.

This settles the point as to what is the capital ship of the modern navy. It is the aircraft carrier.Present laws require that aircraft carriers be commanded only by naval aviators. Of our four 5-starred admirals now flying their flags afloat, none is a naval aviator. We have thus the paradoxical situation that of our four top commanders is permitted by law to command any of the principal, or modern capital ship, units.

Clothing Prices Increase Steadily for 44 Months

WASHINGTON. — Clothing prices have increased for 44 consecutive months, government statistics showed.

According to the bureau of labor statistics, the prices have increased 89 per cent since August, 1939.

The 44-month string began in June, 1943. Previously, the upward trend had been stayed briefly by President Roosevelt "hold the line" order of April, 1943.

Meanwhile, the bureau reported the cost-of-living index for February dropped .2 of 1 per cent below January.

The decline was called "small in contrast to the rapid advance of one and two per cent a month during the last half of 1946." The February index was 17.9 per cent above that of February, 1946.

The decline was made possible by a drop in retail food prices, which more than offset slightly higher prices for clothing, house furnishings, rent, miscellaneous goods and fuel.

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Lesson for June 22

THE TRAGIC END OF A NATION

LESSON TEXT—II Kings 25:1-12.
MEMORY SELECTION — Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people—Proverbs 14:34.

The end of the road! Down, down, down went Judah in its sinful refusal to keep God's Word, and ultimately came the final day of reckoning. It always does! The catastrophe which had long been approaching had arrived at last.

The fall of a capital city, which carries with it the empire, is a world-shaking event. The fall of Rome shattered the world for a thousand years. The fall of Berlin and Tokyo are within the memory of all of us, and the results are seen in a disordered world.

The destruction of Jerusalem, which our lesson presents, was even more serious; for it was not only a national tragedy, but also one with deep religious significance.

The wicked king Jehoiakim was succeeded by his son Jehoiachin, a mere boy who reigned only three months. He gave way to Nebuchadnezzar, who appointed as his successor his uncle Zedekiah.

It is in the verses just preceding our lesson that we learn that Zedekiah turned against Babylon in an act of

I. Rebellion (v. 1).

Zedekiah ignored his oath of allegiance (II Chron. 36:13), for which he was condemned by Ezekiel as a traitor (Ezek. 17:15-18). Zedekiah has well been called the vanishing point in a diminishing line of kings." It was an evil thing he did (II Kings 24:19), and one which showed his conceit, vanity and rashness.

True it was that he only followed what he had learned from his predecessors, but that is never a good excuse for a man foolishly to turn against God's will.

Observe that God was not just a disinterested spectator, and yet he had come to the place where he let Judah go down to its own awful doom. The worst thing that can happen to a man or a nation is to be let alone by God!

Zedekiah's act of folly quickly brought

II. Retribution (vv. 2-10).

Jeremiah urged Zedekiah to surrender (see Jer. 37, 38) in order to save Jerusalem and himself, but he refused, and the city was besieged.

The king's refusal to hear God's prophet and his turning to Egypt for help speak to us of the manner in which unrepentant sinners reject God's mercy and then seek help at the hopeless cisterns of this world (Jer. 2:13).

The king tried to flee, but was taken captive. Then came the siege of Jerusalem. For one and one-half years the enemy gradually closed in, while famine and distress grew apace in the city. Jeremiah went through this entire period sharing his people's trouble. The book of Lamentations is the record of this eyewitness.

Sin does its terrible work. Even as it can take a great city and turn it into a plague spot marked by cruelty, suffering and death, even so it can bring forth its inevitable and unspeakable results in the life of the individual who persists in resisting the voice of God.

Note also that the sin of Zedekiah brought quick judgment, not only on himself, but upon his innocent children (v. 7), and on many in the besieged city who were equally guiltless of wrongdoing. It is again a picture of what sin does today in the homes and communities of our nation.

III. Removal (vv. 11, 12).

The fall of Jerusalem prepared the way for the closing scene of the immediate history of the nation as the people went into captivity. It also ended for the time being the history of the city that had once so proudly held a position of privilege and power, but was now brought down by its sin and rebellion against God.

We say rightly that history repeats itself. We see that any nation that lifts itself up in pride and forgets God will inevitably perish. We ask ourselves where our beloved country stands. As we consider its debauchery and drunkenness, its disregard of moral standards, its indifference to the things of God, we feel that instead of pointing a finger of scorn at Judah, we ought to be on our faces before God in penitence and shame.

Let us not assume that we hold a place of favor with God, which exempts us from the certainty of judgment. Israel was his chosen, and they still are, for his promises of ultimate blessing to them have never been withdrawn. But their sin brought certain pugishment, and the same is true today not only of the nation but of the individual.

The Sunday school lessons will take up the history of Israel again at this point in April, 1948, when we consider the captivity and the partial return of the people to their land.

Briton Proposes Use of Norway's Abundant Power

LONDON—James Forrester proposed that Norway, with its abundance of water power, generate electricity for fuel-starved Britain and transmit it 300 miles across the North sea by submarine cable.

He pointed out that "some of the most abundant sources of unharnessed water power in the world are tumbling eternally down to the sea from the snowfields of Norway's mountain backbone. . . . Norway, he said, already is generating more electricity than it can use, and soon will be exporting power to Denmark via Sweden.

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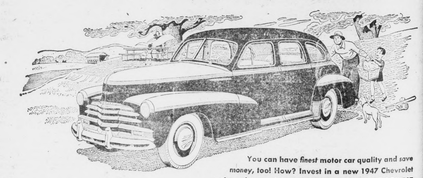

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Fabulous and Ill-Omed Gem Placed in Storage by Mrs. McLean's Will.

WASHINGTON. — The fabulous Hope diamond, most ill-omened jewel of history, is locked up in a storage vault for 20 years.

Terms of the will of Mrs. Evalyn Walsh McLean revealed that although Washington's tragic society dowager had professed to scoff at the curse said to be attached to the two million dollar stone, she wanted all of her grandchildren to reach maturity before the 44-carat diamond again sees the light of day.

The jinxed diamond, together with all of Mrs. McLean's other jewels—including the even more valuable Star of the East—go into storage until her fifth grandchild reaches the age of 25 on October 15, 1967.

On that date, if the seven grandchildren who will share are unable to agree on a division of the amazing jewel collection, the gems will be sold and the proceeds divided.

Will Be Up to Them.

Those who must decide 20 years hence whether they want to retain possession of the ill-starred jewel which left tragedy and misfortune in its wake are:

Emily Beale McLean, 7; John R. McLean, III, 7; Edward Beale McLean III, 6; Evalyn Walsh McLean, 4; Mamie Spears Reynolds, 4; Roland Walsh McLean, 3, and Michael Patrick McLean, one year old.

Mrs. McLean, who died of pneumonia, also tied up for 20 years the remaining income from the estate of her father, the late Thomas Walsh.

It was about this sturdy Irish immigrant who discovered one of the world's biggest gold mines that Mrs. McLean wrote her revealing book, "Father Struck It Rich."

Certainly Mrs. McLean's life was filled with tragedy, whether possession of the Hope diamond did it or not.

Her first son, Vincent, widely publicized as the "million dollar baby" because of his heavy bodyguard and gold crib, was run over and killed by an automobile at the age of nine. Then her marriage to Edward Beale McLean, Washington publisher, broke up. Thereafter, McLean, who had bought the famous Star of the East as a present to Mrs. McLean at the time of their marriage, lost most of his fortune and finally his mind.

Caught for $104,000.

In September, 1946, Mrs. McLean's only daughter, the young wife of former Sen. Robert H. Reynolds of North Carolina, died from an overdose of sleeping tablets.

When the Lindbergh kidnapping case was recking the world, Mrs. McLean permitted the notorious Gaston B. Means to fleece her of $104,000. Means persuaded the "Lady Beautiful" that he had established contact with the kidnappers and could return the Lindbergh baby for that amount. Means went to prison, where he died, and a search of many months failed to uncover the $104,000.

Among earlier owners of the Hope diamond who met violent death or suffered a series of misfortunes were Catherine the Great of Russia, Marie Antoinette of France and May Hope Yohe, once the toast of Broadway and world capitals, who died a charwoman.

Bag of Quarters as a Club Helps Catch Bank Bandit

HOUSTON, TEX.—A bag of quarters wielded by Albert C. Schneider, a teller, helped employees of the National Bank of Commerce to thwart the attempt of a young man to escape with $50,000.

An hour later, Robert C. Horton, 23, a war veteran who told police he had failed in three civilian jobs and needed $50,000 to purchase army surplus goods for resale, was charged with attempted robbery by firearms before Justice of the Peace W. C. Ragan.

At the police station, Horton, smeared with blood from wounds received by cows from the coin weapon, calmly dictated a confession.

Woman, 89, Hops to Europe For Her First Ride in Plane

HURON, S. D.—A shy, wide-eyed woman of 89 from Miller, S. D., took her first airplane ride—a transcontinental and transoceanic flight to visit her 70-year-old son in Scotland.

Petite, w spish Mrs. Margaret Burrel made the flight escorted by her daughter, Mrs. Marie Collins, and grandnephew, Gilbert Collins, both of Miller.

Two Boys Admit Attempt to Wreck Train 'Just for Fun'

ST. LOUIS.—Two grade school boys, aged 10 and 13, admitted to police they tried to wreck an Illinois Terminal train "just for the fun of it."

The youngsters placed stones and boards on the track. When an I.T.R. train, bound for Granite City with 48 passengers, struck the pile debris flew up and dented the pilot and cab.

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NEW YORK.—The 13 Van der Dussens of Rotterdam, Netherlands, said to be the largest family to come to the United States by air, arrived at La Guardia field en route to California, where they will make their home.

"We want to find a good future for our children here," Mrs. Sybrand Van der Dussen said. "We intend to become American citizens."

Mrs. Van der Dussen and her husband decided shortly after the liberation of Holland that they wished to bring their family of 11 children to America, because they felt they would have a better chance here. They spent about $5,000 on the trip.

The children range in age from six months to 17 years.

Mrs. Van der Dussen, who spoke through an interpreter, said the family would join her husband's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Gerand Vanderham, at Bellflower, near Los Angeles, where they would operate a dairy farm. Van der Dussen was a dairy farmer in Holland. The Vanderhams came to the United States 26 years ago.

Ancient Culture of Indians Found by University Party

ANN ARBOR, MICH. — Implements of the ancient Hopewell Indian culture have been discovered by a University of Michigan excavating party.

Prof. James B. Griffin, director of the university's anthropology museum, said the Indian village site is in Illinois' Calhoun county.

The implements are approximately 800 years old, he said.

Find Blood Plasma Extract Aids Treatment of Measles

PEORIA, ILL.—Effective treatment of measles with protein extracted from plasma was reported at a meeting of scientists here.

The treatment, also for other common diseases of man or beast, was described by Dr. Jules D Porsche, Chicago research chemist, at a meeting of American Chemical society.

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Against
Alice F. Brannan, Defendant.

The object of this suit is to obtain a divorce from the defendant on grounds of desertion,

And it appearing by affidavit filed that Alice F. Brannan, is not a resident of Virginia, she is hereby required to appear within ten days after the due publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect her interests.

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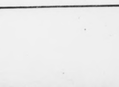

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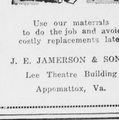

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